Employment in agriculture sector

†1178. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment opportunities have decreased in the agriculture sector in the country particularly in the Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme respectively to increase the employment opportunities in rural areas in the State during the last three years and the amount spent out of that during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) As per recent two quinquennial survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation on employment and unemployment, number of workers in agriculture sector in the country on usual status basis, has been estimated at 239.93 million in 1999-2000 as compared to 239.29 million in 1993-94. In Himachal Pradesh, agriculture workers are estimated at 2.00 million in 1999-2000 as compared to 2.21 million in 1993-94.

The Programmes, namely, Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY) and Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojna (SGRY) are under implementation in Himachal Pradesh. The Programmes namely Jawahar Gramin Samridhi Yojna and Employment Assurance Scheme are not being implemented during the last three years. Both these programmes have been merged with Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojna since 25.9.2001. The details regarding amount allocated and amount spent/release during the last three years under the above programmes in Himachal Pradesh

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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are. given as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of scheme	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
Sampoorna Gram in Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)	1806.79	2046.00	2096.00	2394.67	2281.48	2259.63
Swamjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)	286.16	348.62	395.33	304.77	494.85	487.42

Foodgrain production

1179. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to downscale the foodgrain production to 215 million tonnes in 2005-06;

(b) the actual target set for Kharif and Rabi seasons of the year, separately; and

(c) the reasons for downscaling the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The production target of foodgrains for 2005-06 was kept at 215.00 million tonnes which included 109.92 million tonnes of kharif season and 105.08 million tonnes of rabi season. Against these targets, the production of foodgrains, as per the 2nd advance estimates for 2005-06, was 209.32 million tonnes which included 108.15 million tonnes of kharif seasons and 101.17 million tonnes of rabi season. The estimated production is lower than the target due to adverse weather conditions in some of the regions in the country.

Modernisation of ports

1180. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to'atate:

(a) whether, in order to give a fillip to the fisheries trade in the Konkan